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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1-15-02

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6,8-11,13,14 and 17-22 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6, 8-11, 14, and 17-22 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 13 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/719,849.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 1-15-02
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This application is a divisional application of 09/719,849. The preliminary amendment of 01-15-02 has been entered. Said amendment was filed at the same time with this application, and thus, would be considered as part of the original disclosure. However, applicant needs to refer to said amendment in the oath/declaration. See M.P.E.P 608.04(b).

Claims 7, 12, 15, and 16 have been cancelled, leaving claims 1-6, 8-11, 13, 14, 17, and 18 for consideration along with new claims 19-22.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

1. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14, and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reasons apply:

- a. In claim 1, the formula (I) appears as a group defined for "A", but it also contains group "A". Thus, it is unclear if formula (I) should be a group represented by "A". It seems that formula (I) defines the genus, rather than variable "A".
- b. In claim 1, the three paragraphs immediately below formula (I) do not seem to relate to formula (I), rather they should be with formulae II(B) and II(C).

- c. In claim 1, the proviso for X and Y does not make sense because X and Y are not in the same ring or ring system.
- d. Claims 2-6, 8-11, 14, and 17-22 are rejected as being dependent on claim 1.

Claim Objections

- 2. Claim 13 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The references of record do not teach or fairly suggest compounds recited in claim 13.

Information Disclosure Statement

- 4. The IDS of 01-05-03 has been considered. The closest reference WO 95/33721 provides a generic teaching for compounds of the claimed formula (I). However, the disclosed species all have a substituent of "acetylarnino" which is not a substituent defined for the instant variables R³-R⁶. Since there is no preferred embodiment in WO'721 to select other substituents, there is no motivation for a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

References cited on PTO-892

- 5. Two references cited on PTO-892 show state of the art. Although said references bear relevant subject matter, their effective filing dates do not antedate the effective filing date of the instant application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 703-305-4485. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-5:00) & every Saturday morning (starting from 4-7-03).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on 703-308-4716. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4556 for regular communications and 703-308-4556 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.



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